

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20, 22-60, 62, and 64-65 are pending in the application. A listing of claims is provided above in order to facilitate the Examiner's review of the below remarks.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview, which was conducted on July 28, 2010. As interviews after final are discretionary, Applicant especially appreciates the Examiner's willingness to discuss this case. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the arguments presented in the Response dated March 3, 2010 were persuasive and that Stein (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0008669) in view of Takeuchi (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0050077) do not teach or suggest all the features of the independent claims. Thus, the Examiner agreed to reopen prosecution of this application.

Discussion of Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 66-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. These claims have been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection of the claims moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this Application are believed to be in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the instant response is filed within the shortened statutory period for response provided in the *Final* Office Action of June 9, 2010.

If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account. In the event that additional fees are required or credit is due, authorization is hereby given to charge or credit Deposit Acct. No. 17-0026.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

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